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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: ANGOLAN REFUGEES

1. ACCORDING TO THE NEWS REPORTS FROM WINDHOEK, AUGUST 31, MORE THAN 1200 ANGOLAN REFUGEES HAVE CROSSED THE OKAVANGO RIVER INTO NAMIBIA SINCE "MPLA, EAST GERMAN AND CUBAN FORCES" OCCUPIED CALAI LATE ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 29. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, A SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL OFFICIAL AND AN ARMY OFFICER CROSSED INTO ANGOLA YESTERDAY, AUGUST 30 TO TRY TO ARRANGE FOR MORE REFUGEES TO COME ACROSS BUT MPLA SOLDIERS REFUSED TO COOPERATE AND, IN FACT, BLEW UP THE RIVER FERRY CABLE BETWEEN CALAI AND RUNDU. THE MPLA ALSO REPORTEDLY DEMANDED THAT ALL THOSE WHO HAD ALREADY FLED SHOULD BE RETURNED.

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2. ACCORDING TO NEWS ACCOUNTS, 2100 ANGOLANS WHO HAD FLED CALAI ABOUT TWO YEARS EARLIER FOLLOWING FIGHTING IN THE AREA, HAD RETURNED TO ANGOLA IN MAY THIS YEAR. THE SAG, THE RED CORSS INTERNATIONAL, AND A NUMBER OF FOREIGN COUNTIRES WERE SAID TO HAVE PROVIDED WEEKLY PROVISIONS TO THE ANGOLANS IN CALAI

OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS.
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